PROPOSALS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Yards and Docks, May 1, 1857.

SEALED PROPOSALS for each class separately, endorsed "Proposals for class No. (name the class,) for the navy-yard at (name the yard,) will be received at this office until noon on the 1st day of June next, for furnishing and delivering at the several navy-yards named the materials and articles embraced in printed schedules, which will be furnished on application, and sent by mail, if so requested, to persons desiring to offer to contract for any or all the classes named therein, by the commandants of the several navy-yards, for the classes for the yards under their command, or by the navy agent nearest thereto, or by the bureau for any or all the yards.

To prevent confusion and mistakes in sealing the offers, no bid will be received which contains classes for more than one yard in one envelope; and each individual of a firm must sign the bid and contract.

Bidders are hereby cautioned and particularly notified that their offers must be in the form hereinafter prescribed, and be mailed in time to reach their destination before the time expires for receiving them; *no bid will be considered which shall be received after the period stated, and no allowance will be made for failures of the mail.*

To guard against offers being opened before the time appointed, bidders are requested to endorse on the envelope above the address, and draw a line under the endorsement, thus:

"Proposals for Class No. (name the class) for the Navy-Yard at (name the yard.)"

To the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Washington, D. C.

Form of Offer.

(Here date the offer.)

I, (here insert the name or names composing the firm,) of (name the town,) in the State of (name the State,) hereby offer to furnish under your advertisement dated (date of advertisement,) and subject to all the requirements of the same, and of the printed schedule to which it refers, all the articles embraced in Class No. (name the class) for the navy-yard at (name the yard,) according to said schedule, viz: (here paste on the printed class from the schedule, and opposite each article set the price and carry out the amount in the columns for dollars and cents, and foot up the aggregate amount of the bid for the class,) amounting to (here write the amount in words.)

I propose as my agent (here name the agent, if one is required by the schedule) for the supply under the classes miscellaneous, by a non-resident of the place of delivery; and should my offer be accepted, I request the contract may be prepared and sent to the navy agent at (name the agency) for signatures and certificate.

(Here the bidder and each member of the firm to sign.)

Form of Guarantee.

The undersigned (name of guarantor,) of (name the town,) and State of (name the State,) and (name of second guarantors, &c.,) hereby undertake that the above named (name the bidder or bidders) will, if his [or their] offer as above be accepted, enter into contract with the United States within fifteen days after the date of notice through the post office of the acceptance of his [for their] offers before mentioned.

Witness: (Signature of guarantors.)

I certify that the above-named (here name the guarantors) are known to me to be good and responsible guarantors in this case.

(Signature.)

To be signed by the district judge, district attorney, collector, navy agent, or some person known to the bureau to be responsible.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

Class.	Class.
No. 1. Bricks.	No. 14. Files.
2. Granite.	15. Paints, oils, and glass.
3. Yellow pine timber.	16. Ship chandlery.
4. Yellow pine lumber.	17. Hardware.
5. Cherry, (seasoned.)	18. Stationery.
6. White pine, and spruce timber and lumber, (white pine seasoned.)	19. Firewood.
7. Lime and hair.	20. Hay.
8. Cement.	21. Provender.
9. Sand.	22. Charcoal.
10. Slate.	24. Copper and composition nails.
11. Iron and nails.	25. Iron castings.
12. Steel.	27. Excavation.

BOSTON.

Class.	Class.
No. 1. Bricks.	No. 12. Steel.
2. Stone.	14. Files.
4. Yellow pine lumber.	15. Paints, oils, and glass.
5. Oak and hard wood.	16. Ship chandlery.
6. White pine, spruce, and juniper timber and lumber.	17. Hardware.
7. Lime and hair.	18. Stationery.
8. Cement.	20. Hay and straw.
9. Gravel and sand.	21. Provender.
10. Slate.	22. Charcoal.
11. Iron, iron spikes and nails.	23. Packing.
	25. Iron castings.

NEW YORK.

Class.	Class.
No. 1. Bricks.	No. 12. Steel.
2. Stone.	14. Files.
3. Yellow pine timber.	15. Paints, oils, and glass.
5. Oak and hard wood timber.	16. Ship chandlery.
6. White pine, spruce, and juniper.	17. Hardware.
7. Lime and hair.	18. Stationery.
8. Cement.	20. Hay and straw.
9. Gravel and sand.	21. Provender.
10. Slate.	22. Charcoal.
11. Iron, iron spikes and nails.	23. Belting, packing, and hose
	25. Iron work and castings.
	26. Machinery and tools.

PHILADELPHIA.

Class.	Class.
No. 1. Bricks.	No. 14. Files.
2. Stone.	15. Paints, oils, and glass.
3. Yellow pine timber.	16. Ship chandlery.
4. Yellow pine lumber.	17. Hardware.
5. White oak and hardwood.	18. Stationery.
6. White pine timber.	19. Firewood.
7. Lime and hair.	20. Hay and straw.
9. Gravel and sand.	21. Provender.
10. Slate.	22. Charcoal.
11. Iron, iron nails and spikes.	23. Belting, packing, and hose.
12. Steel.	27. Iron floats.

NAVAL ASYLUM.

Class.	Class.
No. 10. Clothing.	No. 10. Iron and nails.
2. Hats, boots, and shoes.	11. Paints, oils, &c.
3. Provisions.	12. Files.
4. Groceries.	13. Tools.
5. Dry goods.	14. Lumber.
6. Bread, &c.	15. Provender.
7. Tobacco.	16. Firewood.
8. Miscellaneous.	17. Excavation and wall.
9. Hardware.	

WASHINGTON.

Class.	Class.
No. 1. Bricks.	No. 13. Pig iron.
2. Stone.	14. Files.
3. Yellow pine timber.	15. Paints, oils, &c.
4. Yellow pine lumber.	16. Ship chandlery.
5. Oak, hardwood timber, and lumber.	17. Hardware.
6. White pine, spruce, juniper, and cypress.	18. Stationery.
7. Lime and hair.	19. Firewood.
9. Gravel and sand.	20. Hay and straw.
11. Iron, iron nails and spikes.	21. Provender.
12. Steel.	22. Charcoal.
	23. Belting, packing, and hose.
	24. Iron gun-carriage shed.

NORFOLK.

Class.	Class.
No. 1. Bricks.	No. 12. Steel.
2. Stone.	14. Files.
3. Yellow pine timber.	15. Paints, oil, and glass.
4. Yellow pine lumber.	16. Ship chandlery.
6. White pine timber and lumber.	17. Hardware.
7. Lime.	18. Stationery.
8. Cement.	19. Firewood.
9. Sand.	20. Hay and straw.
10. Slate.	21. Provender.
11. Iron, iron nails.	22. Charcoal.
	23. Belting, packing, and hose.
	24. Iron gun-carriage shed.

PENSACOLA.

Class.	Class.
No. 1. Bricks.	No. 13. Railroad iron.
2. Granite.	14. Files.
3. Yellow pine timber.	15. Paints, oils, and glass.
4. Yellow pine lumber.	16. Ship chandlery.
5. Hardwood timber and lumber.	17. Hardware.
6. White pine, juniper, cedar and cypress, lumber and timber.	18. Stationery.
7. Lime.	19. Firewood.
8. Cement.	20. Hay.
9. Cockle shells, clay, and sand.	21. Provender.
10. Slate.	22. Charcoal.
11. Iron, iron nails and spikes.	23. Belting, packing, hose, &c.
12. Steel.	24. Copper and composition nails.
	25. Iron castings.
	26. Instruments, &c.

The schedule will state the times within which articles will be required to be delivered; and where the printed schedule is not used the periods stated in it for deliveries must be copied in the bids. All the articles which may be contracted for must be delivered at such place or places, including drayage and cartage to the place where used within the navy-yards, respectively, for which the offer is made, as may be directed by the commanding officer thereof; and, all other things being equal, preference will be given to American manufacture. No article will be received after the expiration of the period specified in the schedules for the completion of deliveries, unless specially authorized by the department.

It is to be provided in the contract, and to be distinctly understood by the bidders, that the amount and number of articles enumerated in classes headed "miscellaneous" are specified as the *probable* quantity which may be required, as well as to fix data for determining the lowest bid; but the contractor is to furnish more or less of the said enumerated articles, *and in such quantities, and at such times, as the bureau or commandant may require;* such increase, however, not to exceed one-third of the quantities stated, (and requisitions sent through the post office shall be deemed sufficient notice,) during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1858; and whether the quantities required be more or less than those specified the prices shall remain the same.

All the articles under the contract must be of the best quality, delivered in good order, free of all and every charge or expense to the government, and subject to the inspection, count, weight, or measurement of the said navy-yard, and be in all respects satisfactory to the commandant thereof. Bidders are referred to the yard for plans, specifications, or samples, and any further description of the articles. Contractors for classes headed "miscellaneous," who do not reside near the place where the articles are to be delivered, will be required to name in their proposals an agent at the city or principal place near the yard of delivery, who may be called upon to deliver articles *without delay* when they shall be required.

Approved sureties in the full amount of the contract will be required, and twenty per centum as additional security deducted from each payment until the contract shall have been completed or cancelled, unless otherwise authorized by the department. On classes headed "miscellaneous," to be delivered as required during the fiscal year, the twenty per centum retained may, at the discretion of the commandant, be paid quarterly on the first of January, April, July, and October, when the deliveries have been satisfactory, and the balance (eighty per cent.) will be paid by the respective navy agents within thirty days after the presentation of bills, in triplicate, duly vouched and approved.

No part of the per centum reserved is to be paid until all the rejected articles offered under the contract shall have been removed from the yard, unless specially authorized by the department.

It will be stipulated in the contract that, if default shall be made by the parties of the first part in delivering all or any of the articles mentioned in any class bid for, of the quality and at the times and places above provided, then and in that case the said parties will forfeit and pay to the United States a sum of money not to exceed twice the amount of such class, which may be recovered from time to time according to the act of Congress, in that case provided, approved March 3, 1843.

The sureties must sign the contract, and their responsibility certified to by a navy agent, collector, district attorney, or some other person satisfactorily known to the bureau.

It is to be provided in the contract that the bureau shall have the power of annulling the contract, without loss or damage to the government, in case Congress shall not have made sufficient appropriations for the articles named, or for the completion of works estimated for, and on which this advertisement is based, and shall also have the power to increase or diminish the quantities named in the classes not headed "miscellaneous" in the schedule twenty-five per cent.

Persons whose offers shall be accepted will be notified by letter through the post office, which notice shall be considered sufficient; and, if they do not enter into contract for the supplies specified within fifteen days from the date of notice from the bureau of the acceptance of their bid, a contract will be made with some other person or persons, and the guarantors of such defaulting bidder will be held responsible for all delinquencies.

All offers not made in *strict conformity* with this advertisement will, at the option of the bureau, be rejected.

Those only whose offers may be accepted will be notified, and contracts will be ready for execution as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

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Proposals for Stationery.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNITED STATES,
Clerk's Office, March 31, 1857.

IN pursuance of the seventeenth section of the act of Congress of the 26th August, 1842, entitled "An act legalizing and making appropriations for such necessary objects as have been usually included in the general appropriation bills without authority of law, and to fix and provide for certain incidental expenses of the departments and offices of government, and for other purposes," sealed proposals will be received at this office until Monday, the 1st day of June next, at 12 o'clock, m., for furnishing the following articles of stationery for the use of the House of Representatives during the Thirty-fifth Congress, viz:

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.

CLASS No. 1.—*Paper.*

Item 1. 500 reams white-laid quarto post, extra superfine, faint lined
2. 100 reams white-laid quarto post, extra superfine, unruled
3. 75 reams white-laid Bath post, extra superfine, faint lined
4. 50 reams white-laid Bath post, extra superfine, unruled
5. 125 reams extra superfine cream-laid note paper, large size, faint lined and gilt edged
6. 125 reams same article, unruled
7. 125 reams extra superfine cream-laid note, medium size, gilt edged
8. 100 reams white cap paper, extra superfine, faint lined
9. 25 reams same paper, unruled
10. 125 reams commercial-laid note paper, large size, faint lined

Proposals for the above must state the price per ream.

Of items 1, 2, 3, and 4, a portion, not to exceed one-half of each, to be furnished gilt-edged, if required.

CLASS 2.—*Envelopes.*

Item 1. 275,000 envelopes, thick laid, white, large letter size
2. 125,000 do do do small size
3. 40,000 do do small note size
4. 60,000 do do official size, 8½ x 3⅝, 9 x 4, and 9½ x 4 inches
5. 150,000 do buff laid, large letter size
6. 25,000 do do official size
7. 100,000 do buff medium, between letter and official size, smooth and strong, for newspapers and documents.

The envelopes are to be in all cases adhesive. Preference will be given to those having full pockets. Proposals must state the price per thousand.

CLASS 3.—*Knives, &c.*

Item 1. 100 dozen four-blade pearl-handle pocket knives
2. 80 do same article, stag handle
3. 30 do two-blade pearl and shell-handle pocket knives, small size, half of each
4. 50 cases scissors
5. 50 pairs first-rate office shears
6. 8 dozen ivory-handle erasers.

Proposals for knives and erasers must state the price per dozen. Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 are to be of the best quality and first style of finish.

CLASS 4.—*Pens, Penholders, Pencils, and Quills.*

Item 1. 50 gross Perry's double patent large blue-barrel pens, fine points
2. 50 gross Perry's three-pointed pens
3. 400 do fine quality metallic pens, in boxes containing ¼ gross each
4. 10 do bullion pens, on cards or in gilt boxes of one dozen each
5. 3 do porcupine quill penholders
6. 6 do rosewood penholders for large barrel pens
7. 6 do do do small do
8. 3 do penholders, best styles, for pens without barrels
9. 2 do fancy penholders, handsome styles
10. 20 do Faber's Nos. 1, 2, and 3 black lead pencils
11. 30 dozen gold pens, first-rate quality, half with silver cases and half without cases.

CLASS 5.—*Ink and Inkstands.*

Item 1. 50 dozen ink, in pint bottles
2. 30 do half-pint do
3. 15 do quart do
4. 3 dozen red ink or carmine, in small glass bottles
5. 6 do standishes, china or cut-glass inkstands, with racks, &c.
6. 5 do fine china inkstands, pump and dishes, gilt
7. 10 do handsome cut-glass inkstands, large size
8. 10 do do do medium size
9. 5 do do pressed-glass inkstands, various patterns
10. 4 do do porcelain ladies' inkstands, various patterns.

CLASS 6.—*Memorandum Books, Portfolios, Tablets, and Diaries.*

Item 1. 20 dozen memorandum books, assorted sizes
2. 20 do portfolios, quarto, with locks, tablets, and of fine quality
3. 10 do portfolios, cap, with locks, and of fine quality
4. 10 do pearl tablets, with pencils, and of superior quality and finish
5. 15 do pocket diaries, of fine paper and finish.

CLASS 7.—*Wax and Wafers.*

Item 1. 200 pounds red wafers, of fine quality
2. 250 do red wax, of very finest quality.

CLASS 8.—*Paper Weights and Paper Folders.*

Item 1. 20 dozen cut glass paper weights, finest quality and patterns
2. 30 do nine-inch fine ivory folders, one inch wide, and not less than 9 oz. to the dozen
3. 20 do nine-inch fine ivory folders, one inch wide, and not less than 9 oz. to the dozen, and with strong handles
4. 10 do fine pearl folders, assorted patterns, and strong handles.

CLASS 9.—*Miscellaneous.*

Item 1. 300 dozen red tape, No. 19
2. 250 do do No. 23
3. 25 do white tape, No. 25
4. 25 do vesta taper stands, with wax tapers, fine quality
5. 1,000 pounds black sand, pound papers
6. 10 dozen letter clips, gilt
7. 10 do do bronze
8. 200 fine ivory handle letter stamps, chequered
9. 100 do do do plain
10. 12 dozen pieces best quality twilled office taste, various colors
11. 12 do bottles adhesive mucilage, best quality, with metal tops and pencils attached
12. 5 pounds India rubber, in usual size pieces, native gum preferred.

CLASS 10.

Item 1. 1,000 reams buff or brown envelope paper, smooth surface, strong and tough, 19 x 24 inches, to weigh not less than 23 pounds to the ream
2. 500 reams of buff or brown envelope paper, smooth surface, strong and tough, 20 x 24 inches, to weigh not less than 25 pounds to the ream
3. 50 reams strong and smooth Manilla paper, 27 x 31 inches, to weigh not less than 40 pounds to the ream
4. 1,000 reams white flat cap in half sheets, to weigh not less than 12 pounds to the ream
5. 2,000,000 document envelopes, fine buff paper, 7¼ inches long and 3⅝ inches wide.

Proposals for the above must state the weight and price per ream for paper and price per thousand for envelopes.

By the act approved June 17, 1844, the Clerk of the House of Representatives is "directed to confine his purchases exclusively to articles the growth and manufacture of the United States, provided the same can be procured of such growth and manufacture, of suitable quality, and at reasonable prices, upon as good terms as to quality and price as can be obtained of foreign growth and manufacture." A preference will therefore be given to the productions of American industry; and all persons making proposals to supply any article will state whether the same is of the growth and manufacture of the United States.

The articles are to be delivered, free of any charge for carriage, at the office of the Clerk on or before the 15th of October next, and to be paid for as soon as the Committee on Accounts shall audit the bill.

Each bidder, though he may desire to propose for the whole of the articles above enumerated, will be required to make a *separate and distinct proposal for each item;* and no proposal or paper embracing more than a single item will be considered. Each proposal to be endorsed "Proposals for Item No. —, class No. —, of stationery for House of Representatives of the United States," and addressed to the undersigned. They will be free of postage.

Sufficient specimens of each item accompany the proposal, marked with the name of the bidder and the number of the class and item, according to the above advertisement.

The person offering to furnish any description of articles at the lowest price, quality considered, shall receive a contract for the same on executing a bond, with two or more sureties, satisfactory to the Clerk, for the performance of the same, under a forfeiture of twice the contract price in the case of failure; which bond must be filed in the office of said clerk within ten days after the proposals have been opened and the result declared.

The right is reserved, in case it should be necessary, to order a further supply of all or any of the articles contained in the above list.

WM. CULLOM,
Clerk of the House of Representatives U. S.

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[No. 580.]

Notice

Of the Establishment of three additional Land Offices in the Territory of Nebraska.

IN pursuance of the act of Congress approved March 3d, 1857, entitled "An act to establish three additional land districts in the Territory of Nebraska," to be called, respectively, the "NEMAHA LAND DISTRICT," the "SOUTH PLATTE RIVER LAND DISTRICT," and the "DAKOTA LAND DISTRICT," it is hereby declared and made known that the offices for said districts have been established as follows, viz:

For the "NEMAHA LAND DISTRICT" at Brownsville.
For the "SOUTH PLATTE DISTRICT" at Nebraska City.
For the "DAKOTA DISTRICT" at Dakota City, in said Territory.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, this thirteenth day of April, 1857.

By order of the President: JOS. S. WILSON,
Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office.

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LIFE OF GENERAL NAPIER; by Lieut. General Napier, 2 volumes, London, 1857.
The Theory of War, as illustrated by military history; by Lieut. Colonel Macdougall. 1 volume, London, 1857.
How to Capture and Govern Gibraltar. 1 volume, London, 1857.
Military Engineering and Implements of War; by R. Forrest, Woolwich. 1 volume, London, 1856, many engravings.
New Universal Dictionary of the English, French, Italian, and German Languages. 1 volume, London, 1857.
Boiler Engineering; by Armstrong and Bourne. 1 volume, London, 1857.
The Chemistry of Artificial Light. 1 volume, London, 1857.
Scheerer on the Blowpipe. 1 volume, London, 1856.
Crabbe's Technical Dictionary of the Arts and Sciences. 1 volume, London.
Imported per last steamer by
March 3 FRANCK TAYLOR.

"Small Stores," "Candles," &c.—1857-'58.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Provisions and Clothing,
April 13, 1857.

PROPOSALS, sealed, and endorsed "Offer for Small Stores," or "Offer for Candles," or "Offer for Salt-water Soap," or "Offer for Mustard Seed, Black Pepper," &c., as the case may be, will be received at this bureau until 9 o'clock, a. m., on the 15th day of May next, for furnishing and delivering (on receiving twenty days' notice) at the United States navy-yards at Charlestown, Massachusetts; Brooklyn, New York; and Gosport, Virginia, such quantities *only* of the following articles (excepting the salt-water soap and the candles, for each of which separate proposals and contracts will be made) as may be required or ordered from the contractor by the chief of this bureau, or by the respective commanding officers of the said navy-yards, during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1858, viz:

Boxes, shaving, India rubber	Combs, coarse, India rubber, or gutta percha
Brushes, shaving	Combs, fine, India rubber, or gutta percha
Brushes, scrubbing	Grass for hats
Brushes, shoe	Jack-knives
Brushes, clothes	Razors, in single cases
Buttons, navy vest	Razor straps, Ordway's
Buttons, navy medium	Scissors
Buttons, navy coat	Spoons
Buttons, dead eye	
Beeswax, in ¼-lb. cakes, pure	
Blacking, boxes of	

Cotton, spools of Nos. 12 and 16, 900 yards each, 3 cords, equal parts.
Handkerchiefs, cotton, fast colors, 32 by 30 inches, weight not less than 2 oz. each, texture 8 by 8 to ¼ inch.
Needles, sewing, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, drill-eyed, betweens
Ribbon, hat, best French black, 12 yards to the piece; width, 1⅛ inch
Soap, shaving, in cakes; each cake not less than 2 oz.
Silk, sewing, blue-black; wrapper not to extend 2 oz. to the pound
Thread, black and white, Marshall's best quality
Tape, white linen, 4 yards in length, ¼ inch wide
Tape, black, twilled cotton, 6 yards in length, ¼ inch wide
Thimbles, 8-10 and 9-10 diameter.

WHITE SALT-WATER SOAP—*separate bid for 150,000 pounds.*

The soap must be manufactured from cocoa-nut oil, and be of the best quality denominated "white salt-water soap," and be delivered on sixty days' notice, in good strong boxes of about 75 pounds each, and, after inspection, the boxes must be hooped at each end, at the expense of the contractor. The price to be uniform at all the yards.

CANDLES—*separate bid for 70,000 pounds.*

The candles must be American manufactured, of prime loaf hard stearine, six candles to the pound, 8 1-10 inches in length, *exclusive of tip,* six candles No. 1, to weigh not less than 14 ounces 87-100; melting point not to be less than 140 degrees Fahrenheit. The wick must be braided, and composed of 78 cotton threads of the best quality of No. 27 yarn. The candles to be delivered on sixty days' notice, in good boxes, containing about 30 pounds each, and the box to be marked with the contractor's name and the weight of the candles.

MUSTARD SEED, BLACK PEPPER, &c.

Separate bids for all that may be required for the use of the navy, to be delivered at New York only.

Mustard seed, American, brown.
Pepper, black, Malabar.
Bottles, octagon, for mustard and pepper.
Corks, for bottles.

All the foregoing articles must be of the best quality, and conformable in all respects to the samples deposited at said navy-yards and in this bureau, and subject to such inspection at the navy-yard where delivered as the chief of the bureau may direct, the inspecting officer to be appointed by the Navy Department.

All the articles to be delivered free of any incidental expense to the government, in proper vessels or packages, and the price of each article must be the same at the respective places of delivery. Packages in which the above articles are delivered must be marked with their contents and the name of the contractor, and be sufficient to insure their temporary safe-keeping.

The contractor must establish agencies at such stations other than his residence, that no delay may arise in furnishing what may be required; and when the contractor or agent fails promptly to comply with a requisition, the Chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing shall be authorized to direct purchases to be made to supply the deficiency, under the penalty to be expressed in the contract; the record of a requisition, or a duplicate copy thereof, at the bureau of Provisions and Clothing, or at either of the navy-yards aforesaid, shall be evidence that such requisition has been made and received.

Two or more approved sureties, in a sum equal to the estimated amount of the contract, will be required, and twenty per centum in addition will be withheld from the amount of all payments on account thereof as collateral security, to secure its performance, and not in any event to be paid until it is in all respects complied with; eighty per centum of the amount of all deliveries made will be paid by the navy agent within thirty days after bills, duly authenticated, shall have been presented to him.

Blank forms of proposals may be obtained on application to the navy agents at Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Pensacola, and at this bureau.

A record, or duplicate of the letter informing a bidder of the acceptance of his proposal, will be deemed a notification thereof, within the meaning of the act of 1846, and his bid will be made and accepted in conformity with this understanding.

Every offer made must be accompanied (as directed in the act of Congress making appropriations for the naval service for 1846-'47, approved 10th August, 1846) by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that he or they undertake that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation within ten days, with good and sufficient sureties, to furnish the supplies proposed. The bureau will not be obligated to consider any proposal unless accompanied by the guarantee required by law: the competency of the guarantee to be certified by the navy agent, district attorney, or the collector of the port.

The attention of bidders is called to the samples and description of articles required, as, in the inspection before reception, a just but rigid comparison will be made between the articles offered and the samples and contract, receiving none that fall below them; and their attention is also particularly directed to the joint resolution of 27th March, 1854, and to the act of the 10th August, 1846.

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Washington Aqueduct.

OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT,
Washington, March 5, 1857.

PROPOSALS are invited for materials and work for the Washington aqueduct.

Proposals received up to 7th May will be opened at noon of that day.

Maps, profiles, and specifications of the materials and work to be let will be ready for examination at this office on and after the 20th April next.

The work to be let will embrace masonry of some of the bridges, graduation, excavation, and embankment of reservoirs, iron pipes connected with the reservoirs, 12-inch iron main, gate houses, bricks, sand, rubble, and cut stone, &c.

For the particular works and materials reference is made to the specifications and plans.

As upon a portion of the line the titles are not yet acquired by the United States, there may be some delay in commencing the work thereon; but for such unavoidable delays due allowance will be made in the time of completion.

Portions only of some of the works can be completed under the present appropriation; but all contracts for unfinished work will be subject to future appropriations by Congress. The engineer reserves the right to prescribe the amount of work to be done and rate of progress under each contract for each appropriation; and in case of the appropriation not holding out sufficiently, to decide when and what works shall be stopped until funds become available.

In case of the entire stoppage of any particular work for want of funds, the reserved ten per cent. will be paid, if, in the judgment of the engineer, the work has been properly executed so far as it has gone.

Payments will be made in specie checks upon the United States treasury upon the monthly estimates of the engineer, reserving 10 per cent.; and it will be a condition of all contracts that the workmen shall be paid their full wages monthly, and in specie.

All bids should be sealed, and endorsed "Proposals for work or materials on the Washington Aqueduct."

The United States reserves the right to reject any or all the bids should they not be deemed advantageous, and to make such arrangements as may be considered most conducive to the progress of the work.

Every offer must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that he or they undertake that if the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation, within ten days, with good and sufficient securities, for the completion of the work undertaken; said guarantee to be accompanied by the certificate of the United States district judge, United States district attorney, navy agent, or some officer of the general government or individual known to the Engineer or Department of War, that the guarantors are able to make good their guarantee.

Bids will be opened in presence of bidders, if any of them choose to be present. M. C. MEIGS,
Capt. of Engineers, in charge.

FORM OF GUARANTEE.

To Capt. M. C. Meigs, U. S. Engineers.

We, the undersigned, residents of ——, in the State of ——, hereby, jointly and severally, covenant with the United States, and guaranty, in case the foregoing bid of —— be accepted, that he or they will, within ten days after the acceptance of the said bid, execute the contract for the same, with good and sufficient sureties to perform or furnish the articles proposed in conformity to the terms of the advertisement under which it was made. And in case the said —— shall fail to enter into contract as aforesaid, we guaranty to make good the difference between the offer by the said —— and the next lowest bidder.

(Signed) A. B.
C. D.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above-named guarantors are good and sufficient.

(Signed) E. F.

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[No. 578.]

Notice

Of the Establishment of three additional Land Offices in the Territory of Kansas.

IN pursuance of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1857, entitled "An act to establish three additional land districts in the Territory of Kansas," to be called, respectively, the "Delaware land district," the "Osage land district," and the "Western land district," it is hereby declared and made known that the offices for said districts have been established as follows, viz:

For the "DELAWARE DISTRICT" at DONIPHAN.
For the "OSAGE DISTRICT" at FORT SCOTT.
For the "WESTERN DISTRICT" at OGDEN, in said Territory.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, this eleventh day of April, A. D. 1857.

By order of the President: JOS. S. WILSON,
Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office.

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Notice

Of the Establishment of an additional Land District in the State of Wisconsin.

IN pursuance of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1857, entitled "An act to establish an additional land district in the State of Wisconsin," to be called the "CHIPPEWA DISTRICT," which district embraces that portion of the old La Crosse and Hudson districts, situated *"north of the line dividing townships twenty-four and twenty-five north; south of the line dividing ranges one and two east; and east of the line dividing ranges eleven and twelve west,"* it is hereby declared and made known that the office for said district has been established at the town of "EAU CLAIRE," in said State.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, this eleventh day of April, A. D. 1857.

By order of the President: JOS. S. WILSON,
Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office

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Proposals for Stationery.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE,
April 25, 1857.

IN pursuance of the "act legalizing and making appropriations for such necessary objects as have been usually included in the general appropriation bills without authority of law, and to fix and provide for certain incidental expenses of the departments and offices of the government, and for other purposes," approved the 26th of August, 1842, sealed proposals will be received at this office until 10 o'clock, a. m., on Tuesday, the 2d of June next, for furnishing the following articles of stationery for the use of the Senate, *such articles to be of the very best quality,* and to be approved by the Secretary, viz:

Class.

No. 1. 1,000 sheets prepared parchment, 16 by 22 inches square, of the very best quality, per sheet
2. 4 reams engrossing paper, very smooth and thick, 20 by 19 inches when trimmed, per ream
3. 100 reams cartridge paper, very tough, and with very smooth surface, 23 by 27 inches square, and to weigh not less than 30 pounds to the ream, per ream
4. 200 reams cartridge paper, very tough, and with very smooth surface, 21 by 25 inches square, and to weigh not less than 26 pounds to the ream, per ream
5. 600 reams cartridge paper, very tough, and with very smooth surface, 19 by 24 inches square, and to weigh not less than 23 pounds to the ream, per ream
6. 150 reams white soft wrapping paper, per ream
7. 10 reams white law-cap paper, satin finish, faint lined, of the very best quality, per ream
8. 50 reams white cap paper, satin finish, faint lined, of the very best quality, per ream
9. 5 reams white cap paper, satin finish, of the very best quality, plain, per ream
10. 100 reams white 4to post paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, faint lined, and to weigh not less than 9 pounds to the ream, of the very best quality, per ream
11. 20 reams white 4to post paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, and to weigh not less than 9 pounds to the ream, of the very best quality, per ream
12. 30 reams blue 4to post paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, faint lined, of the very best quality, per ream
13. 10 reams small size white letter paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, of the very best quality, per ream
14. 50 reams white Bath post paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, faint lined, and to weigh not less than 7 pounds to the ream, of the very best quality, per ream
15. 20 reams amber Bath post paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, faint lined, of the very best quality, per ream
16. 10 reams white extra large commercial note paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, faint lined, of the very best quality, per ream
17. 50 reams white vellum large note paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, faint lined, and to weigh not less than 4 pounds to the ream, of the very best quality, per ream
18. 60 reams white laid large note paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, faint lined, and to weigh not less than 4 pounds to the ream, of the very best quality, per ream
19. 30 reams white laid large note paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, and to weigh not less than 4 pounds to the ream, of the very best quality, per ream
20. 25 reams white vellum large note paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, and to weigh not less than 4 pounds to the ream, of the very best quality, per ream
21. 30 reams white small size note paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, faint lined, of the very best quality, per ream
22. 20 reams white small size note paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, of the very best quality, per ream
23. 20 reams amber note paper, highly glazed and hard calendered, gilt, faint lined, of the very best quality, per ream
24. 15 reams fancy note paper, of different kinds, satin finish, of the very best quality, per ream
25. 5 dozen sheets white thick blotting paper, per dozen
26. 6 dozen cap portfolios without locks, per dozen
27. 6 dozen quarto portfolios with locks, per dozen
28. 12 dozen four-blade penknives, pearl handles, silver tipped, per dozen
29. 8 dozen small two-blade penknives, pearl handles, silver tipped, per dozen
30. 6 dozen four-blade penknives, buck handles, tipped, per dozen
30a 1 dozen do. do. with extra long blade
31. 2 dozen ivory-handle erasers, per dozen
32. 8 dozen pairs scissors, per dozen
33. 8 dozen pearl folders, per dozen
34. 12 dozen ivory folders, 9 inches long and 1 inch wide, and to weigh not less than 9 ounces to the dozen, per dozen
35. 12 dozen ivory-handle wafer stamps, chequered, per dozen
36. 8 dozen large-size agate-handle stamps, or others of equal quality, for notes, per dozen
37. 9 dozen small size agate-handle stamps, or others of equal quality, for notes, per dozen
38. 9 dozen cut-glass paper weights, of the very best quality, per dozen
39. 6 dozen fancy paper weights, of the very best quality, per dozen
40. 12 dozen bronze taper stands, or others of equal quality, per dozen
41. 20 pounds wax tapers, 36 to the pound, per pound
42. 2 dozen bronze paper weights, or others of equal quality, per dozen
43. 2 dozen bronze letter clips, per dozen
44. 6 dozen bronze vesta match safes, each containing 150 large size wax matches, per dozen.
45. 50,000 large size wax matches, in tin boxes containing 500 each, per M
46. 6 gross black lead pencils, Faber's Nos. 1 and 2, or others of like quality, per gross
47. 1 gross red and blue pencils, Faber's, or others of like quality, per gross
48. 15 dozen propelling pencils, Mear's, or others of like quality, with box of leads for each, per dozen
49. 8 dozen japanned or ebony standishes, with cut-glass stands for ink and sand, to have metal tops with hinges, and metal penracks, per dozen
50. 6 dozen large size cut-glass inkstands, per dozen
51. 6 dozen small size fancy ink-stands, per dozen
52. 4 dozen spring-top inkstands, per dozen
53. 6 dozen cut-glass inkstands, 1¼ inch square, with metal hinge tops, for desks, per dozen
54. 6 dozen cut-glass sand stands, 1¼ inch square, metal hinge tops, for desks, per dozen
55. 6 dozen cocoa sand-sifters, per dozen
56. 6 dozen cocoa wafer boxes, per dozen
57. 100 dozen red tape, No. 23, per dozen
58. 50 dozen red tape, No. 19, per dozen
59. 600 dozen red tape, No. 13, per dozen
60. 2 dozen blank books, cap size, containing 5 quires each, per dozen
61. 6 dozen memorandum books, octavo size, morocco covers, per dozen
62. 6 dozen memorandum books, 16mo. size, morocco covers, per dozen
63. 2 dozen scrap books, medium size, per dozen
64. 6 pounds India rubber, 40 pieces to the pound, per pound.
65. 12 dozen cloth pen wipers, per dozen
66. 400 dozen large barrel steel pens, very elastic, per dozen
67. 100 dozen small barrel steel pens, very elastic, per dozen
68. 100 dozen electro gilt long-point pens, per dozen
69. 100 dozen platina long-point pens, per dozen
70. 50 dozen albata long-point pens, per dozen
71. 150 dozen bronze New York commercial long-point pens, per dozen
72. 50 dozen gutta-percha long-point pens, per dozen
73. 50 dozen bronze elastic long-point pens, Perry's, or others of like quality, per dozen
74. 100 cards bronze imitation quill pens, per card
75. 100 cards double spring pens, Phineas', or others of like quality, per card
76. 100 cards Peruvian pens, Wheeler's, or others of like quality, per card
77. 250 cards three-point pens, Perry's, or others of like quality, per